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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 17822.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Applicant: Dirk Harms )  
Title: METHOD FOR COMPACTING A SURFACE OF A )  
WOODY WORKPIECE AND DEVICE THEREFOR ) Art Unit  
Serial No.: 10/597,662 ) 1791  
Filed: July 31, 2008 )  
Confirmation No.: 4591 )  
Examiner: James D. Sells )

**AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2009 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.